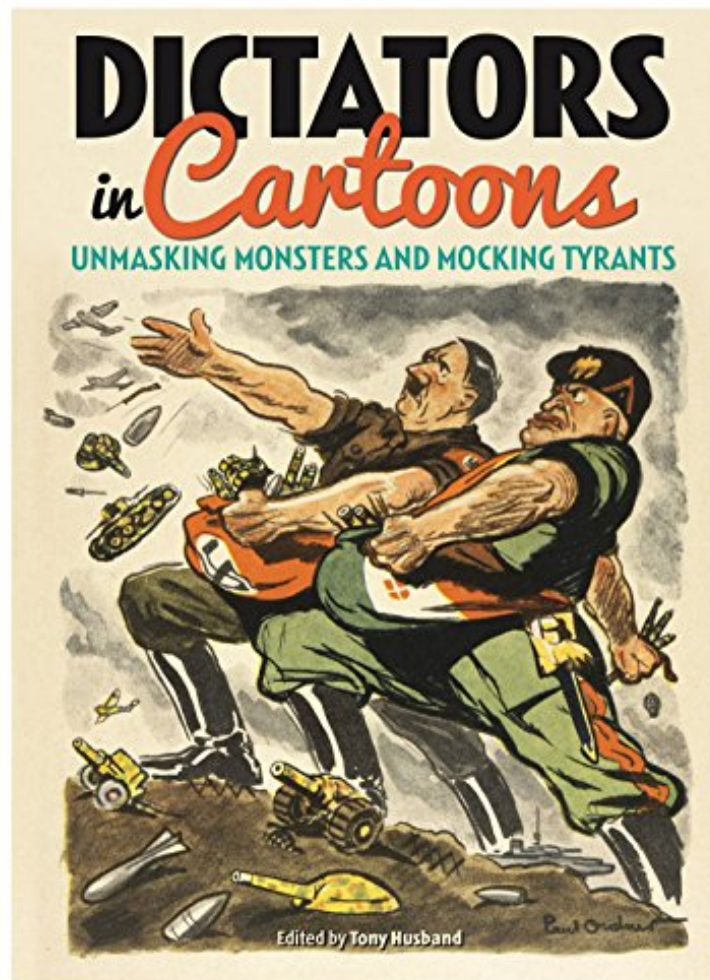


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About the Author Editor Tony Husband has drawn cartoons for many leading publications, including *Private Eye*, *The Spectator*, *The Times*, and *Punch*. He has been fascinated by the history of cartoons ever since he picked up his first copy of *Punch* in the 1960s. Since then, he has won more than 15 major awards, including the prestigious Pont Award.